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SUBJECT: POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES MODERATE DIRECTION

1. SUMMARY. WEEKEND CAMPAIGNING PROCEEDED IN CLIMATE OF RELATIVE MODERATION. CARAMANLIS MAINTAINED LOFTY, STATESMANLIKE POSTURE. BOTH HE AND MAVROS (CU/NF) IN SEPARATE SPEECHES IN AGRARIAN CENTER LARISSA PROMISED FARMERS HIGHER INCOMES, WHILE LATER IN DAY MAVROS TOLD LARGE GATHERING IN THESSALONIKI THAT HIS PARTY DOES NOT CONSIDER ARMED FORCES RESPONSIBLE FOR APRIL 21 COUP. PAPANDREOU'S SPEECH IN THESSALONIKI PREVIOUS DAY DEALT AT LENGTH ON PASOK'S SCHEME OF "SOCIALIZATION" OF BASIC MEANS OF PRODUCTIVITY. MINISTER TO PM VLACHOS INSISTED ON GOG VIEW THAT CRITERIA CONTINUED TO EXCLUDE GAROUFALIAS' PARTY FROM NATIONAL TV; LATTER THEN FILED SUIT AGAINST PM. CARAMANLIS URGED ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS TO TAKE ALL MEASURES TO PRECLUDE INVOLVEMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ELECTORAL PROCEEDINGS. END SUMMARY.

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2. PM CARAMANLIS IN SECOND POLITICAL SWING TOLD FARM CROWD OF ABOUT 50,000 IN LARISSA THAT FARMERS PLIGHT WAS SERIOUS AND GOVERNMENT WAS CHARGED WITH IMPROVING INCOME AND MEANS OF PRODUCTION IN AGRARIAN SECTOR. IN SPEECH SCHEDULED TO TAKE TWENTY MINUTES BUT WHICH FROM FREQUENT INTERRUPTIONS OF ENTHUSIASTIC THESSALONIANS TOOK NEARLY ONE HOUR, CARAMANLIS OUTLINED MEASURES TO "EUROPEANIZE" GREEK FARMING ECONOMY: FULL MEMBERSHIP IN EEC, MAJOR INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, CONSOLIDATING ARABLE LAND, IMPROVING FARMER'S SHARE OF NATIONAL INCOME, AND SUBSIDIZING AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT. LARGE GATHERING WHICH EMBASSY OFFICER FOUND SEEMINGLY WELL ORGANIZED, CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH MAVROS' RALLY PREVIOUS DAY WHEN ONLY ABOUT 5,000 TURNED OUT. CU/NF'S POOR SHOWING IN LARISSA WAS EVEN MORE SURPRISING IN VIEW OF CENTER'S STRONG MAJORITIES THERE IN 1963 AND 1964. MAVROS PLEDGED PRIORITY ATTENTION TO FARM PROBLEMS, PRAISED ARMED FORCES AS SHIELD OF NATION NOT TO BE BLAMED FOR APRIL 21 COUP, BUT ADVOCATED EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO ABOLISHED FREEDOM AND BROUGHT ON THE CYPRUS "TREASON". FOLLOWING DAY MAVROS SPOKE BEFORE MASS RALLY IN THESSALONIKI (ATHENAIKI ESTIMATED AT 200,000), EMPHASIZING ANOMALY OF SITUATION WHERE ELECTIONS ARE HELD UNDER CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WHOSE HEAD WAS BOTH PM AND LEADER OF PARTY SEEKING POPULAR VOTE. MAVROS REITERATED CU/NF'S POSITION AGAINST THE MONARCHY AS CONSISTENT WITH CU'S TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FOR REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

3. AGAINST BACKGROUND OF RIGHTIST PRESS DECLAIMING GOG POLICY PERMITTING HARDCORE COMMUNIST WITH INSURGENCY WAR RECORD APPEARING ON NATIONAL TELEVISION, KKE FIRST SECRETARY FLORAKIS TOOK TO AIR ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED EIGHT-MINUTE POLITICAL SPOT NOVEMBER 1 AND DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS UNITED LEFT PLATFORM. SPEECH REPRESENTED TYPICAL SAMPLING OF LEFTIST THOUGHT INCLUDING ADVOCACY OF ABOLITION OF U.S. AND NATO BASES AND ABROGATION OF U.S./GREEK BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. UNITED LEFT HELD POLITICAL RALLIES IN KALAMATA, CRETE AND PATRAS WHERE CROWD REACHED RECORD DIMENSION WITH ATTRACTION OF THEODORAKIS' POPULAR SINGER MARIA FARANTOURI. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU'S ACTIVITIES SUBJECT OF SEPTEL. PASOK'S LEADING FEMININE CANDIDATE MELINA MERCOURI ALSO MADE PRESS WITH MAJOR PIRAEUS RALLY. MERCOURI PROVED FIRST-RATE CAMPAIGNER, TELLING CROWD, "PIRAEUS IS MY SONG, A PIECE OF MY HEART." SHE PROCEEDED TO GIVE REVISED RENDITION OF HER FAMOUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"NEVER ON SUNDAY", REVEALING THAT THE "BOYS OF PIRAEUS" WERE THE FIRST TO KNOCK ON HER DOOR TO OFFER HELP IN HER ELECTORAL STRUGGLE. SHE CONCLUDED WITH PLEDGE OF HER LIFE FOR "BREAD, EDUCATION AND FREEDOM".

4. IN RESPONSE TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION (EDE) SUIT AGAINST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR DISCRIMINATING AGAINST EDE IN APPORTIONING TV POLITICAL SPOTS, MINISTER TO PM VLACHOS SAID GAROUFALIAS'

FILING CHARGES WAS ATTEMPT TO CREATE DISTURBANCE AND THAT  
CRITERION FOR TV TIME WAS WHETHER POLITICAL PARTIES WERE  
CONTESTING ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT NATION. GAROUFALIAS RESPONDED BY  
FILING SUIT AGAINST PM. IN SEPARATE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT, PM  
CALLED ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS TO HIS OFFICE TO CAUTION THEM TO  
TAKE ALL MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT ARMED FORCES "ADOPT FAULTLESS  
ATTITUDE AND TO ENSURE THAT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST POSSIBILITY OF  
INVOLVEMENT OF MILITARY DURING ELECTIONS IS RULED OUT". PM ADDED  
THAT ANY VIOLATION OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE DEALT WITH  
SEVERELY.  
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